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FROM: (Headquarters component)
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TO:
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TO: (Station/Base)
MEXICO CITY

SUBJECT AND PROJECT FILE REQUEST AND FIELD NOTIFICATION OF ACTION

FROM: (Division)
WHD

INFORMATION FOR REQUESTERS

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.

ITEM 3 - ALL FILE TITLES MUST BE STERILE SINCE THEY WILL APPEAR ON THE FIELD COPIES AND ON MACHINE LISTS.

ITEM 6 - ALL REMARKS MUST BE STERILE.

ITEM 7 AND 8 - USE FIRST THREE LETTERS OF DISPATCH SYMBOLS FOR FIELD STATIONS AND LIST HEADQUARTERS ELEMENTS ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED NUMERIC CODES.

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2. CODE (FILE) NUMBER

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3. FILE TITLE (SPECIFIC SUBJECT) (PROJECTS LIMITED TO 15 SPACES)
KDAFGHAN Development & Plans

ACTION REQUIRED

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[X] CLOSE FILE (INDICATE DISPOSITION)
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11. ENDORSEMENT
SIGNATURE OF BRANCH/DESK R. O.
Gloria Palmer, #630

12. COORDINATION
SIGNATURE OF BRANCH/DESK R. O. (WHEN APPLICABLE)

13. RID APPROVAL
REQUEST APPROVED BY
Charles D. Cramer

EFFECTIVE DATE
1 March 1973

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO.

FROM: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT: Termination of Project KDAFGHAN

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

The KDAFGHAN Project was officially terminated on 22 September 1972. The reason for termination was VWBLANKET contamination.

Edward K. LAUBOCKER

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OFFICE	OFFICER	TYPIST	EXT.
WH/1	Perry Smith	md (27 Sept 72)	6954

COORDINATING

OFFICE SYMBOL	DATE	OFFICER'S NAME
WH/FI	27 Sept 72	[signature]
WH/Plans		[signature]

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OFFICE SYMBOL	DATE	OFFICER'S SIGNATURE
C/WH/1		John C. Murray

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20 September 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : Termination of Project KDAFGHAN

1. Project KDAFGHAN, approved for FY 72 and FY 73 in the amount of $11,950 each year, covered Mexico City Station's observation post targetted against the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico. OP operators KDAFGHAN-1 and his dependent mother KDAFGHAN-2, Cuban exiles resident in Mexico since 1960, were the only human assets in the project.

2. As a result of the JMYAK damage assessment and other security considerations it was decided that the project should be terminated and the agents resettled in another country. DIRECTOR 285255 amended the project for FY 72 to a total of $20,950 to provide for the termination and resettlement of the agents. The agents were terminated in August 72 and are now being resettled in Spain. DIRECTOR 300167 concurred in terminating the project as of 31 August 72.

3. In view of the developments in paragraph 2, above, WH/FI recommends approval of this termination request.

Robert D. Wiecha
C/WH/FI

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PROJECT ACTION

PROJECT CRYPTONYM: KDAFGHAN

TYPE OF ACTION			
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	X FI/FC	CA
	AMENDMENT NO.	DIVISION: Western Hemisphere	
	RENEWAL FY 19	FIELD STATION: Mexico	
	EXTENSION	BRANCH: WH/1	DESK
XX	TERMINATION	CASE OFFICER: John Davis	DATE: 25 Aug 72

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CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	DATES IN	DATES OUT	MEMO ATTACHED YES	MEMO ATTACHED NO
C/WH/1	John C. Murray /s/	29 Aug 72	29 Aug 72		X
C/WH/COG	Lawrence Sternfield /s/	30 AUG 1972	31/8/72		X
C/WH/B&F	John T. Boeck /s/	31 AUG. 72	1 Sept 72		
C/WH/SS	Richard B. Wright /s/		1 Sept 72		
C/WH/FI	Robert D. Wiecha /s/	Sept 21		✓	
C/WH/Plans	John H. Wilson /s/	21 SEP 1972			✓

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

(Type in Organizational Element and Name Below Only When Concurrence Obtained by Originating Element.)

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME	DATES IN	DATES OUT	MEMO ATTACHED YES	MEMO ATTACHED NO

APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	PERIOD TO	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZATION
		$	19	$
			19	$

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
C/WHD	/s/	22/9/72

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25 August 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : Project KDAFGHAN Termination

1. A request for termination action is contained in paragraph four, herein.

2. Project KDAFGHAN is a support project which provides the Mexico City Station with fixed photographic and physical surveillance of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City. The objectives of the project are to furnish photographic coverage of the Cuban installation during daylight hours, to assist the Station in compiling dossiers on officials of the installation, and to fulfill various requirements in support of other Station Cuban operations. The KDAFGHAN project encompasses two assets, KDAFGHAN-1 and KDAFGHAN-2, who have been associated with the project since 1962.

3. While this project may be of some value to the FBI (FBI compares KDAFGHAN photographs with the photographs of known leaders of extremist groups in the U.S. as well as with photographs of persons who are subjects of identification orders prepared on badly wanted fugitives in the U.S.), it is of little value, as presently constituted, to Mexico City Station. There are other means of obtaining photographs of PCS and TDY Cuban personnel.

4. In early 1972 the Station mounted a thorough CI review of all Cuban operations in an attempt to improve their overall security. Although KDAFGHAN-1 passed the SGSWIRL with no apparent deception, his Cuban exile status, the long period of time he has been operating his OP site in close proximity to the Cuban Embassy, and the potential (perhaps immediate) danger presented by his and KDAFGHAN-2's Cuban relatives made

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it clear that the agents should be terminated. In view of the aforementioned, as well as security considerations in the JMYAK case, WH/1 requests approval to terminate this project effective 31 July 1972. In order to meet termination commitments, project KDAFGHAN was amended on 30 June 1972 by DIRECTOR 285255 in the amount of $9,000, increasing the project's authorization from $11,950 to $20,950 for FY 1972. KDAFGHAN-1 and KDAFGHAN-2 were terminated on 1 August 1972. There were no security incidents during the termination.

John C. Murray
C/WH/1

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CITE DIRECTOR 285255

IMMEDIATE MEXICO CITY

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REF: MEXICO CITY 20301 (IN 649510)

1. IN ORDER PROVIDE FOR COSTS OF AGENT TERMINATIONS FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE AMENDED FOR FY 72:

A.	KDTUCK	$8,451	(NEW TOTAL $ 48,451)
B.	KDULSTER	10,500	(NEW TOTAL 20,350)
C.	KDADORN	7,136	(NEW TOTAL 22,856)
D.	KDAFGHAN	9,000	(NEW TOTAL 20,950)
E.	KDFACTOR	9,844	(NEW TOTAL 28,844)
F.	KDACROBAT	7,728	(NEW TOTAL 44,187)
G.	KDVAULT	6,296	(NEW TOTAL 15,420)
H.	KDCALVERT	80,950	(NEW TOTAL 160,950)
I.	KDLADDER	1,040	(NEW TOTAL 17,552)
J.	KDABSCOND	3,150	(NEW TOTAL 24,785)
K.	KDADAGE	21,354	(NEW TOTAL 72,921)

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L. KDRAIL 2,400 (NEW TOTAL 10,600)

M. KDPACIFY 1,800 (NEW TOTAL 7,800)

N. KDSALEM 8,800 (NEW TOTAL 31,200)

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THEODORE G. SHACKLEY
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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO:

FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: Project KDAFGHAN Renewal FY 1972 and FY 1973

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

The Project KDAFGHAN Renewal for the period 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1973 was approved by the Chief, Western Hemisphere Division on 29 June 1971 in the amount of $11,950 for FY 1972 and $11,950 for FY 1973.

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WH/1/John Davis/kk/30 June 71			6955

COORDINATING

OFFICE SYMBOL	DATE	OFFICER'S NAME

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C/WH 1	30-6-71	John C. Murray

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PROJECT ACTION

CRYPTONYM: KDAFGHAN

TYPE OF ACTION		
NEW PROJECT APPROVAL		DIVISION: Western Hemisphere Division
AMENDMENT NO.		FIELD STATION: Mexico City
RENEWAL FY 1973	X	BRANCH: WH/1 — DESK: WH/1
EXTENSION		CASE OFFICER: John Davis — DATE: 16 June 71
TERMINATION		ROOM NO.: 3 E 04 — BUILDING: Hqs — TEL. EXT.: RED 9354, BLACK 6955

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (AND SIGNATURE)	DATES IN	DATES OUT	MEMO ATTACHED YES	MEMO ATTACHED NO
C/WH/1	John C. Murray	16/6/71	16/6/71		
C/WH/COG	Lawrence Sternfield	17 June 71			✓
C/WH/B&F	for L. O. Healy	17 Jun 71	6-17-71		
C/WH/SS	Richard B. Wright		6-23-71		✓
C/WH/FI	Richard S. Welch		6/25/71		
C/WH/Plans	John R. Cassidy	28 JUN 1971	28 JUN 1971		

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

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	DATES IN	DATES OUT	MEMO ATTACHED YES	MEMO ATTACHED NO

APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	PERIOD TO	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZATION
1 July 71	30 June 73	$ 23,900	1972	$11,950
			1973	$11,950

APPROVING AUTHORITY: C/WHD for

SIGNATURE: [signature]

DATE: 29 JUN 1971

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KDAFGHAN - Mexico City, Mexico - FI/CI Support Project Targetted Against the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. FY 1972 Cost: $11,950. FY 1973 Cost: $11,950.

KDAFGHAN Project Finance History

	APPROVED	OBLIGATED
FY 1970	$11,165	$11,165
FY 1971	$11,094	$11,094

Purpose

KDAFGHAN is a support project which provides the Mexico City Station with fixed photographic and physical surveillance of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City. The objectives of the project are to furnish photographic coverage of the Cuban installation during daylight hours, to assist the Station in compiling dossiers on officials of the installation and to fulfill various requirements in support of other Station Cuban operations.

Description

The KDAFGHAN Project continues to encompass two assets, KDAFGHAN-1 and KDAFGHAN-2, who have been associated with the project since 1962. Both agents continue to furnish information on a timely basis on the personalities and activities of the Cuban target. A description of the individual assets is set forth below:

a. KDAFGHAN-1 (201-288248): A Cuban lawyer in exile in Mexico who left Cuba in 1960. He has been the principal agent of the KDAFGHAN Project since 1962. KDAFGHAN-1's cover is that of a translator and would-be writer. Family holdings from his deceased father also provide financial backstopping. All photographic coverage of the main Embassy gate through final printing and mounting is processed by KDAFGHAN-1.

b. KDAFGHAN-2 (201-305604): KDAFGHAN-2 is the mother of KDAFGHAN-1. Her cover is that of a dependent mother. KDAFGHAN-2 acts as KDAFGHAN-1's assistant and fill-in whenever he is away from the basehouse.

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Changes

The only major change during the project year was the installation of a TV monitor/robot camera combination during October 1970, the month designated as "Cuban month." This added coverage contributed to the compilation of target studies on several Cuban officials. These studies will be used as a starting point for future operations, namely the recruitment/defection of these officials.

Accomplishments

1. The main value of the production of the KDAFGHAN Project has been in establishing the pattern of various Cuban Embassy employees. The monitoring has also revealed which automobiles the various employees usually drive. Photographic coverage of the visitors to the main gate of the Cuban Embassy and logs of the movement of Cuban Embassy personnel have proved very useful in identifying new Cuban PCS employees in Mexico. Normally the Station has been able to match movements of new and old employees during the initial period when duties and contacts were being turned over to the new employees and so identify their duties. KDAFGHAN has provided current photographs of TDY and transiting Cuban officials and Headquarters has often provided positive identifications of these persons. Norberto Hernandez, a DGI headquarters officer visiting Mexico, was identified in this way.

2. The Station utilizes KDAFGHAN photographic coverage and logs to verify the visits of Station assets to the Cuban Embassy.

3. KDAFGHAN also provides coverage of what appears to be American visitors to the Cuban Embassy main gate. In the case of Americans who arrive in automobiles bearing U.S. license plates, the license plate number, car description, and sterile copies of photographs are given to the FBI for identification. A significant result of the KDAFGHAN operation included a photographic of a specific individual - an old FBI target - who had been seen visiting the Cuban installation.

4. KDAFGHAN also provided useful coverage for the KDACOUSTIC-3 operation, an operation aimed at the recruitment or defection of a DGI officer. This coverage enabled the Station to determine KDACOUSTIC-3's movements, an important factor in timing the calls and visits of our access agents. This use of the operation should prove extremely valuable during the coming year since a more aggressive recruitment program against the Cuban target is planned.

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Problems and Security

No agent control or operational problems have been reported. Neither were there any security problems encountered during the period. Gerald D. FAHLANGER continues to be the Case Officer and handler of KDAFGHAN-1. FAHLANGER has met and could continue to meet KDAFGHAN-2 in an emergency. The alternate Case Officer is Terence D. SISTONE who meets KDAFGHAN-1 when FAHLANGER is not available. Both Case Officers are known to the assets in alias, and both meet KDAFGHAN-1 in a safehouse. During February 1971 the safehouse was changed in compliance with normal operational security. Meetings are generally held once a week. More frequent contact can be made by telephone. In an emergency, anyone can call KDAFGHAN-1 at his home and say they are a friend of "Pepe Simon." KDAFGHAN-1 will reply "I haven't seen him since last Christmas." KDAFGHAN-1 speaks English.

Coordination:

The Ambassador is aware of our efforts against the Cuban target in general. He has not been specifically briefed on this operation.

Future Plans:

The Station is constantly examining the possibility of an audio installation at the main gate of the Cuban Embassy. A successful audio device would serve, in most cases, to identify the individuals who are photographed by KDAFGHAN-1 since they normally identify themselves to the gate house attendant. There are a few Station assets who have occasional access to the gate house, and it is conceivable that one of them could place a quick plant device, provided security conditions are favorable. The Station currently has under consideration a recruitment effort against a lower level employee of the Cuban Embassy who would be of tremendous help in such an operation.

Costs:

1. General: This renewal request is for FY 1972 in the amount of $11,950 and FY 1973 in the amount of $11,950.

2. Source of Funds: Project KDAFGHAN is included in the Western Hemisphere Division's Operating Program in the amount of $10,844 for FY 1972 and $10,844 for FY 1973. The additional Funds required are to be absorbed from within the WH Division allocation.

3. Project Budget: The following is a cost breakdown for the preceding, current, and next fiscal years:

	FY 1971 Obligations (Estimated)	FY 1972 Request	FY 1973 Projection	FY 1974 Projection
KDAFGHAN-1 Salary	$ 4,800	$ 5,088*	$ 5,088	$ 5,088
KDAFGHAN-2 Salary	1,920	2,112*	2,112	2,112
Christmas Bonus	560	600*	600*	600
KDAFGHAN Basehouse Rent (Observation Post)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
KDAFGHAN Safehouse (for Station meetings with KDAFGHAN-1)	864	1,200	1,200	1,200
Utilities for Safehouse and Basehouse	500	500	500	500
Miscellaneous Expenses (film, paper, chemicals, stationary)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
TOTALS	$11,094	$11,950	$11,950	$11,950

*Increases reflect the "cost-of-living" granted effective 1 January 1971.

4. Foreign Currency: There are no special requirements for foreign currency.

5. Commitments: Upon termination, the agents will be paid a termination bonus not to exceed three month's salary.

6. Funding: Case officers pay the assets directly. The funds are accounted for with end receipts obtained from the assets. KDAFGHAN-1 has sufficient private income to cover the JKLANCE funds he receives.

7. Accountability: All funds are accounted for by receipts and/or certifications as required by Agency regulations.

Annexes:

None.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO.

FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: Project LIONION Renewal FY 1971

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. The Project LIONION Renewal for FY 1971 was approved by the Chief, Western Hemisphere Division on 26 June 1970 in the amount of $11,094. A copy of the Renewal is being forwarded by split transmission.

Douglas F. TASSELL

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WH/1	Scott Holloway	nh	6924

COORDINATING

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C/WH/1		John C. Murray

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PROJECT ACTION	PROJECT CRYPTONYM: LIONION

TYPE OF ACTION	X F1/C	CA
NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION: Western Hemisphere Division	
AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION: Mexico City	
X RENEWAL FY 1971	BRANCH: One	DESK
EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER: Fred Kravcov	DATE: 24 June 70
TERMINATION	ROOM NO.: 3E04 · BUILDING: Hqs	TEL. EXT.: RED 9041 · BLACK 6954

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	DATES IN	DATES OUT	MEMO ATTACHED YES	MEMO ATTACHED NO
AC/WH/1	Charles M. Bounds	24 June	24 June		
AC/WH/B&F	Wyatt B. Thompson	6/24	6/25		
C/WH/SS	Richard B. Wright		6-25-70		✓
C/WH/FI	Richard S. Welch		26/6/70		
C/WH/Plans	Robert B. Moore	26 JUN 1970	6/26		

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APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	PERIOD TO	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL FUNDS AUTHORIZATION
1 July 1970	30 June 1971	$ 11,094	1971	$ 11,094
			19	$

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
C/WHD	J. Hr[illegible]	26 JUN 1970

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LIONION - Mexico City, Mexico - FI/CI Support Project Targetted Against the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. FY 1971 Cost $11,094.

	Approved	Obligated
1966	$10,718	$ 9,142
1967	11,328	11,590
1968	11,466	9,726
1969	11,258	10,803
1970	11,994	10,844 (Estimated)

Purpose:

The LIONION Project provides the Mexico City Station with fixed, selective photographic and physical surveillance of the Cuban Embassy and Cuban Consulate in Mexico City. It is designed to provide information in support of Priority A, paragraphs 2 and 4 of the current Operating Directive, that is, the Cuban target present in Mexico and the support rendered by Cubans in Mexico to exile and other leftist groups in Mexico.

Description:

1. The LIONION Project currently encompasses two agents, LIONION/1 and LIONION/2, a basehouse directly across from the Cuban compound, and a safehouse for meetings with Station Case Officers. The two agents furnish photographic coverage during daylight hours of the main entrance to the Cuban Embassy. In addition, on a spot basis, photographic coverage and visual surveillance of the Cuban Consulate entrance is possible. The agents also act as dispatchers for the unilateral LIEMBRACE surveillance team when the LIEMBRACE team is being used against Cuban target individuals. A description of the individual assets is set forth below.

2. LIONION/1 (201-288248): A Cuban lawyer in exile in Mexico who left Cuba in 1960. He has been the principal agent of the LIONION Project since 1962. LIONION/1's cover is that of a translator and would-be writer. Family holdings in

Tampa, Florida, inherited from his deceased father also provide financial backstopping. LIONION/1 received his "immigrado" (permanent immigrant) status in 1965 and now has a good deal of immunity from harassment from Mexican immigration authorities. All photographic coverage of the main Embassy gate through final printing, cropping, and mounting is processed by LIONION/1. LIONION/1 and LIONION/2 maintain a log which indicates when a photograph was taken, and pertinent identifying data. License numbers of cars used by various Cuban Embassy personnel are recorded as well as license numbers of cars of unidentified persons visiting the Cuban Embassy.

3. LIONION/2 (201-305604): Mother of LIONION/1. Her cover is that of a dependent mother. As with LIONION/1, she has "immigrado" status and has been associated with the LIONION Project since 1962. LIONION/2 acts as LIONION/1's assistant and fill-in whenever he is away from the LIONION basehouse.

Changes:

During the project year, the pulse camera coverage of the Cuban Consulate entrance was discontinued. Little or no use was being made of the product from this camera. One reason for limited use was that there was no real way to readily fix the time--or the day-- a particular photo was taken. There were no other significant changes in the project during FY 1970.

Accomplishments:

1. The LIONION production for FY 1970 consisted almost entirely of photographic coverage of visitors to the Cuban Embassy main entrance and of logs of the movement of Cuban Embassy personnel and visitors. This proved very useful in identifying new Cuban Embassy PCS employees in Mexico. The monitoring also revealed which cars the various employees usually drove.

2. LIONION also took photographs of what appeared to be American visitors to the Cuban Embassy front gate. In the case of Americans who arrived in automobiles bearing U.S. license plates, the license plate numbers, car descriptions, and sterile copies of photographs were given to LNERGO for identification.

3. The Station also used the LIONION photographic coverage and log to check on the reports of Mexican and other JKLANCE assets who claimed to have visited the Cuban Embassy. In the case of some assets, LIONION/1 was given a photograph of the agent and told to be particularly alert at certain times of certain days to confirm the agent's entry and exit. This proved particularly useful in checking AVDIME/1's story of contact with the Cubans. It also confirmed LIRELIC/1's visit to the Cuban Embassy at an early stage in Station recontact with LIRELIC/1.

Problems:

1. No agent control or operational problems have been reported. Neither were there any security problems encountered during the period. LIONION/1 was met in a safehouse on an average of once per week by Andrew E. PELLEMENT, in alias. Following PELLEMENT's departure in late May, Gerald D. FAHLANGER took over the responsibility for the LIONION Project. FAHLANGER, in alias, meets LIONION/1 approximately once per week. In January 1970, the Station had LIONION/1 change the safehouse used for meetings with Station officers. He signed a one-year lease on the new apartment, in alias. LIONION/1 uses the apartment on weekends and evenings to lend credence to the cover story he used in renting; i.e., that he lives out-of-town and maintains this small apartment in Mexico City for use during his frequent visits.

2. Station visits to the LIONION basehouse were limited to three during the reporting period. These were made during non-daylight hours. LIONION/1 picked up the Station officer away from the LIONION basehouse area and drove the officer to the basehouse in LIONION/1's own car. The basehouse has a driveway off the street entrance-way which facilitates entry during non-daylight hours.

3. During the Project Year, the pulse camera and the electronic equipment used with the LISAMPAN operations were removed from the basehouse, thus reducing the amount of compromising equipment in the basehouse.

Coordination:

The Ambassador is aware of our efforts against the Cuban target in general. He has not been specifically briefed on this operation.

Future Plans:

1. The Station is re-examining the various points of view which the LIONION basehouse provides of the Cuban Embassy complex in order to determine what steps can be taken to improve the usefulness of the LIONION product. For instance, from the window in the room where the pulse camera previously was installed, an excellent view can be had of the Cuban Embassy garden and the walkways between the three Cuban Embassy buildings--as well as the Consulate. The Station plans to have LIONION/1, on a spot-check basis, observe the garden area. In this way, the Station hopes to update its information on the location of the various officers' offices, the general pattern of movement and activity, etc. This area will also be observed during the night to see if it can be determined which areas are being used for living quarters or offices.

2. It is also planned to assess LIONION/1's ability to observe and draw appropriate conclusions from his observations, and to write these up for the Station.

3. Depending on the need for Consulate coverage, the installation of closed circuit TV coverage of the Consulate entrance is being considered.

4. The Station is being queried as to emergency contact arrangements with LIONION/1.

Costs:

1. General: This renewal request is for the period 1 July 1970 through 30 June 1971 (FY 1971), in the amount of $11,094.

2. Source of Funds: Project LIONION is included in the Western Hemisphere Division's FY 1971 Operating Program in the amount of $10,000.

3. Project Budget: The following is a cost breakdown for the preceding, current and next fiscal years:

	FY 1970 Estimated Obligations	FY 1971 Request	FY 1972 Projection
LIONION/1 Salary	$ 4,800	$ 4,800	$ 4,800
LIONION/2 Salary	1,920	1,920	1,920
Christmas Bonuses	560	560	560
LIONION Basehouse Rent (Observation Post)	1,200	1,200	1,200
LIONION Safehouse (for meeting with case officers)	864	864	864
Utilities for both	500	500	500
Miscellaneous Expenses (Film, paper, chemicals, etc.)	1,000	1,250	1,000
TOTALS	$10,844	$11,094	$10,844

4. Foreign Currency: There is no need for foreign currency which the Station cannot provide. There are no non-JKLANCE funds involved in this project.

5. Commitments: LIONION/1 and LIONION/2 receive, in addition to their regular salary, the equivalent of one month's salary as a Christmas bonus. LIONION/1 is reimbursed for operational expenses related to the project. In the event of termination, each agent will receive thirty days actual notice.

6. Funding: All funds are passed by the case officers during the safehouse meetings with LIONION/1 who receipts for the funds on the spot. The amount of funds used under this project are not enough to arouse the suspicion of LIONION/1 by the authorities should he be apprehended. He has sufficient private income to cover the JKLANCE funds he receives.

7. Accounting: All funds are accounted and certified for in accordance with JKLANCE regulations.

8. Annexes: None.

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TO MEXICO CITY

LIONION

REF: MEXICO CITY 1132 (IN 19170)*

1. IN ORDER ASSIST HEADQUARTERS EVALUATION LIONION PULSE CAMERA COVERAGE WOULD APPRECIATE STATION ADVICE FOLLOWING:

A. IF NO VISITORS ENTERING LIRING MAIN GATE, DOES LIONION/1 AUTOMATICALLY SHIFT AND COVER LIRING CONSULATE EVEN THOUGH CONSULATE BEING COVERED BY PULSE CAMERA?

B. IF INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTS ENTER MAIN GATE AND THEN PROCEEDS TO CONSULATE, DOES LIONION/1 FOLLOW AND PHOTO ENTERING AND DEPARTING CONSULATE?

C. WHAT IS STATION'S ESTIMATE OF PERCENTAGE OF LIONION/1 COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS ENTERING AND DEPARTING CONSULATE? FROM PAST CORRESPONDENCE HEADQUARTERS HAS GAINED IMPRESSION LIONION/1 COVERS CONSULATE AS EFFECTIVELY AS PULSE CAMERA.

D. IS LIONION/1 STILL LOCATED SAME BASEHOUSE AS PULSE CAMERA?

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* WH Comment: Station advised presently obtains many pictures of LIRING Consulate visitors since most first time visitors try enter through main gate which primary LIONION photo target.

William V. Broe
C/WHD

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LIONION

1. IN ATTEMPT ELIMINATE MARGINAL OPS, STATION INTENDS TERMINATE LIONION-1 PULSE CAMERA COVERAGE EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER UNLESS HQS INDICATES IT CONSIDERS PRODUCT OF SUFFICIENT VALUE TO WARRANT RETENTION. STATION PRESENTLY OBTAINS MANY PICTURES OF LIRING CONSULATE VISITORS SINCE MOST FIRST-TIME LIRING VISITORS TRY ENTER THROUGH MAIN GATE WHICH PRIMARY TARGET LIONION PHOTO COVERAGE. ALSO MANY CONSULATE VISITORS LATER PHOTOGRAPHED AT AIRPORT. IT NOT POSSIBLE HAVE LIONION-1 COVER BOTH ENTRANCES SIMULTANEOUSLY, BUT HE ABLE MOVE EQUIPMENT TO COVER CONSULATE IF NEED ARISES.

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FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: LIONION Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

REFERENCE: HMMA-37024, 25 April 1969

Project LIONION has been renewed for FY 1970 in the amount of $11,994, as forwarded by the Station.

Norris W. DAMICONE

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AC/WH/1	Ernest J. Tsikerdanos	16/6/69	17/6/69	✓	
C/WH/B&F	Elliotte C. Want	6/17	6/17		
C/WH/SS	George R. Thompson	18 JUN 1969			
AC/WH/FI	David L. Smock	21 June 69		✓	
WH/EXO	Donald C. Marelius	23 JUN 1969	26 June		

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

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APPROVAL

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1 July 69	30 June 70	$ 11.994	1970	$11,994
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : LIONION Project Renewal Request

1. Approval is requested of the LIONION Project for the period 1 July 1969 through 30 June 1970 (FY 1970) for $11,994. Funds are available.

2. Project LIONION is a support project which provides the Mexico City Station with fixed photographic and physical surveillance of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City. The surveillance is conducted by two indigenous agents located in a basehouse directly across from the Cuban compound. At times the principal agent also acts as a dispatcher for the LIEMBRACE surveillance team. Information is radioed to the team concerning the departure of Cuban officials, thus allowing the team to remain a more discreet distance from the target.

3. As reflected in the attached Project Renewal, an audio device planted in the gatehouse of the compound could be monitored at the LIONION basehouse, aiding greatly in identifying visitors. Since the time the Station submitted the renewal, however, this device ceased to function along with the rest of the LISAMPAN devices. This installation was monitored through carrier current from the LISAMPAN/LISASH basehouse, also situated in front of the compound. Since the connection between the two basehouses was by carrier current only, and since the agents in each basehouse are unaware of the other's activity, a possible compromise of the LISAMPAN/LISASH activity should not affect LIONION security.

4. Although the LIONION Project does not produce disseminable positive intelligence, it is considered by the Station as essential to its Cuban operations. The 4,100 or more selective individual photographs produced annually,

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coupled with the visual observations, were effective in providing timely operational information. In addition, over 8,000 feet of pulse camera film is produced annually, recording the image of each visitor to the Consulate. The years of experience of the principal agent have given him intimate knowledge of the target personalities. He often brings matters to the immediate attention of the Station without having been levied the specific requirement to do so. As a result, the Station is aided greatly in keeping abreast of the day to day activities of the Cuban compound.

5. In recent months, the LIONION Project was useful to the Station in checking out statements made by ESMARROW-1.

6. In March 1969, the Project provided photos of three U.S. citizens who visited the Cuban Embassy and were suspected of being draft dodgers. The photos were passed to the FBI within three hours of the request for information.

7. Other than the loss of the audio device in gatehouse, there have been no changes. The operation continues to run smoothly.

8. Approval is recommended.

Ernest J. Tsikerdanos
Acting Chief, WH/1

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TO: Chief, WH Division

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FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: Operational/LIONION
LIONION Project Renewal for FY 1970

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: Renewal of Project

Reference : HMMW-17154, 11 April 1969

1. Attached is the Station's renewal request for Project LIONION. The Project should be submitted for renewal for the period 1 July 1969 through 30 June 1970 for a total of $11,994.

2. Information concerning the performance of LIONION-1 and the project operations during the second and third quarters of FY 1969 has been elaborated, and a separate LIONION Progress Report for this period will not be prepared. The Station will submit a regular progress report to cover the period 1 April through 30 June 1969 in July 1969.

for Willard C. CURTIS

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Project LIONICH

Field Case Officer [signature] Andrew E. PELLEMENT

Station Mexico City

Chief of Station [signature] Willard C. CURTIS

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LIONION PROJECT RENEWAL

A. Objectives

1. Project LIONION, a long-term support project designed to provide fixed photographic, technical, and physical surveillance of the PBRUMEN Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City, has the following specific objectives:

a. To furnish photographic coverage during daylight hours of the main entrances to the target installation.

b. To operate as a listening post in support of technical operations against this target to complement the photographic coverage.

c. To radio dispatch physical surveillance teams against persons associated with the target.

d. To assist the Station in compiling information for individual dossiers on officials of the target installation.

e. To fulfill various requirements in support of other Station PBRUMEN operations.

2. The above-cited objectives are in agreement with the over-all objectives of Station Mexico City.

B. Changes

Oliver D. CIMOCH assumed administrative and operational responsibility for Project LIONION in December 1967 and continued this responsibility until his departure in December 1968. Pending arrival of CIMOCH's replacement, the Project was handled by Station Officer Gerald D. FAHLANGER and Station WOACRE representative, Walter W. CORMBURY. On 28 February 1969, LIONION-1 was introduced to Andrew E. PELLEMENT, who assumed Project responsibility effective that date.

C. Intelligence Production

As an operational support project, Project LIONION does not produce disseminable positive intelligence. Quantitatively, during CY 1968, the Project provided over 4,000 selective individual photographs of persons and/or vehicles entering the target installation and over 8,000 feet of pulse camera film. There has

been no formal audio product from Project LIONION since July 1968 when the transcription of the LISAMPAN/DOG traffic was terminated. As reported extensively in HMMA 36553, 19 February 1969, the Station has been unable to activate LISAMPAN/BAKER since 16 January 1969. A qualitative analysis of the LIONION product is discussed in paragraph D below. The Station is unable to evaluate the worth of the pulse camera operation since the bulk film, undeveloped, is pouched directly to Headquarters. The cost of this portion of the operation is minimal, however, since it is limited to the cost of the film and development at Headquarters. The camera works automatically and requires only minimal maintenance.

D. Effectiveness

1. Project LIONION is considered by Station Mexico City as essential to its PBRUMEN operations. It has consistently proven highly effective and responsive to Station requirements of both long and short range nature. LIONION-1, the Project's only full time agent, continues to furnish on a timely basis, information on the personalities and activities of the target personnel. LIONION-2 continues to backstop LIONION-1 and substitute for him when he is away from his post. At the age of 70, she is not able to man the LIONION base full time, and her sight is failing. She is able to photograph visitors, however, and live monitor the LISAMPAN/DOG traffic. LIONION-2's role as a backstop to LIONION-1 insures continuous coverage of the target during daylight hours, five days a week. LIONION-1's more than six years of experience working on the same target continue to produce an increasingly complete and accurate identification of the staff and visitors to LIRING. These years of experience have developed an agent knowledgeable of WOFIRM operational and security requirements who will often bring to the Station's attention those matters which he feels are of immediate interest without having special requirements levied upon him and without waiting for the next regularly scheduled meeting with his Station contact. He has on numerous occasions notified the Station of the presence of suspect PBRUMEN security types. He has also frequently passed along operational leads of use to the Station in other aspects of its PBRUMEN operations.

2. The addition of LISAMPAN/DOG to the LIONION basehouse has noticeably increased LIONION-1's ability to identify new visitors to the target and at times, determine the nature of their business. The LISAMPAN/DOG product was channeled to the LIONION basehouse by carrier current from LISAMPAN/LISASH on 10 April 1968. Since its primary value is as an aid to LIONION-1 in identifying LIRING visitors, its product has not been recorded

or transcribed since July 1968. LIONION-1 live monitors the traffic from his basehouse. LISAMPAN-1 who mans the LISASH base has been told nothing of the LIONION base and LIONION-1 was offered no explanation concerning the manner in which LISAMPAN/DOG production is channeled to him. Thus a possible compromise of the LISASH basehouse, linked directly to LIRING, would not compromise the LIONION basehouse which has no direct link with the target.

3. Project LIONION was of direct assistance to the Station on two separate occasions in recent months:

a. As a result of information received on a priority basis (the same day as requested) from LIONION-1, the Station was able to verify certain statements made by ESMARROW-1 concerning the location of LIRING officials at specific times. LIONION-1 reported the times at which these officials came in and out of the LIRING compound and provided a description of the clothes they were wearing at the time. LIONION-1's information raised the possibility that ESMARROW-1 might at least have been confused in his reporting of the times at which he met LIRING personnel, etc.

b. In March 1969, LIONION-1 was able to provide pictures of three WOLADY males, who, although unidentified, fitted the general description and time frame furnished by LNERGO. The latter suspected that two or three WOLADY draft dodgers might visit LIRING to arrange travel to PBRUMEN. The Station was able to furnish LNERGO with pictures of the three together with a report of their arrival and departure from LIRING within three hours of its request for information. Additional information was promptly forwarded to LNERGO as it became available from LIONION-1.

4. During the past year, LIONION-1 acted as a dispatcher for the LIEMBRACE surveillance team on a number of occasions. By utilizing his vantage point in the area of the target, he is able to radio information to the LIEMBRACE team on the arrival and departure of LIRING officials thus allowing the team to remain at a distance from the target unseen by possible counter-surveillance from the target. The Station plans to use LIONION-1 in this role more extensively in the coming year whenever surveillance of LIRING personnel entails the team's presence near the LIRING compound. Such utilization of LIONION-1 should lessen the risk of exposure of the team to the PBRUMEN IS.

5. LIONION-1, himself, continues to provide the consistently high level of productivity that has characterized his work in past years. As mentioned above his response to priority requirements continues to be most gratifying. He is prompt in submitting both operational and administrative reports to the Station. He is ready, at a moments notice, to change personal plans when a need for his services arises. After five years without a substantial vacation, LIONION-1 plans a three week trip from 4 - 25 May to Europe (Italy, Greece, France) and the U.S.A. He originally requested five weeks to make this trip for which he has long saved his money, but quite willingly shortened the trip to three weeks at the Station's request and added that he would postpone the entire trip if the Station thought his services were more needed at home. In order to help defray the cost of making a second trip to Europe to complete his original itinerary, the Station will give LIONION-1 a gift of $250 on 1 May 1969 and will tell him that consideration will be given in 1970 to providing an equal amount, but no decision can be made on that second gift until mid-1970.

E. Problems

1. LISAMPAN/BAKER: As reported in HMMA 36553, 19 February 1969, LISAMPAN/BAKER was turned off for security reasons on 16 January 1969 at 1345 hours. All subsequent attempts to reactivate it have been unsuccessful. Headquarters was requested to review all available Station information on this to decide whether BAKER's abrupt end was the result of a compromise or whether it was somehow connected with the installation of TELEX equipment at LIRING.

2. LISAMPAN/DOG: The LISAMPAN/DOG/METRAP installation is generally working well. There have been numerous occasions when due to unknown circumstances the audio reception has either been bad or non-existent. Walter W. CORNBURY and PELLEMENT visited the LISAMPAN/LISASH basehouse and found no problem with the monitoring equipment there. The trouble may have resided with the central office of the LIRISK company and was probably not the result of technical counter-surveillance of LIRING. As of 3 April 1969, LISAMPAN/DOG was working properly and automatically.

3. There have been no significant personnel, security, morale or administrative problems since the last project renewal.

F. Liaison

Not applicable to Project LIONION.

G. Interagency Coordination

Not applicable to Project LIONION.

H. Plans

1. The Station plans to continue to exploit LIONION-1's experience, training and location to provide the photographic and technical coverage cited above. In addition, the Station will continue to make use of LIONION-1 as a dispatcher in surveillances of LIRING personnel.

2. In order to check the LISAMPAN/DOG take for items of possible value to other Station operations, LISAMPAN/1 will be instructed to record the DOG traffic for the three week period while LIONION-1 is on vacation. These tapes will be given to Richard C. HABOUSH for an analysis of their operational worth and technical quality. HABOUSH will transcribe them if the contents warrant.

I. Costs

1. For the past project year, 1 January 1968 through 30 June 1969, it is estimated that the total project cost will be about $16,250. It is approved for $16,632.

2. For the renewal period of 1 July 1969 through 30 June 1970, it is requested that $11,894 be approved. Estimated figures for FY 1971 are provided below together with the breakdown for FY's 1969 and 1970. The major addition to the FY 1971 figures is a possible raise for LIONION-1 and LIONION-2. These figures are broken down as follows:

	FY 1969	FY 1970	FY 1971
Salaries:			
LIONION-1	$ 4,704	$ 4,800	$ 5,200
LIONION-2	1,860	1,920	2,000
Xmas bonuses	550	560	610
Rents:			
LIONION Basehouse	1,200	1,200	1,200
LIONION Safehouse	864	864	864
Utilities for both	500	500	500
Operational Expenses:			
Film	700	1,000	1,000
Paper	400	450	450
Chemicals	250	300	300

Miscellaneous:			
Operational	50	150	350
Special gift to LIONION-1	250	250	
Total	$11,328	$11,994	$12,474

3. A detailed accounting was prepared each month by LIONION-1 covering expenses chargeable to his revolving fund. His accounting has been most satisfactory in all respects, and such accountings will be continued during the ensuing project year.

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TO

Chief, WHD

INFO

Chief of Station, Mexico City

FROM

Chief of Station, JMWAVE

SUBJECT Processing and Exploitation of Photographic Coverage of LIRING by the AMOT Organization.

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

Action Required: FYI

Reference: HMMA-33841, 17 January 1968

1. The following comments are for the information and assistance of those officers who are in the process of determining the future of the LIONION operation:

a. The AMOTs have received and reviewed a number of the prints from the LIONION operation and report that it is a time-consuming and largely unproductive effort.

b. The practical results of such a review, i.e., the identification of the greatest number of visitors to LIRING, can be realized best through the widest circulation of the prints among the AMOT staffers, contacts, and informants. This practice would result in wide knowledge of the existence of the operation, and in the expenditure of many man-hours which, it appears, could be more productively spent in other pursuits.

c. The AMOT organization currently does not have either the qualified personnel or available space and equipment to process the film as suggested in paragraph three of reference. Until they move into new quarters, (in, hopefully, mid-1968, the single AMOT photographer will be working in very tight quarters.

2. It would appear from JMWAVE's experience with AMOT exploitation of the LIONION operation, that further activity in this connection at JMWAVE would be unwarranted.

James N. Ahamanos

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: LIONION Renewal of Project

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: HMMA 33595, 5 December 1967

Project LIONION has been renewed for the period of 1 January 1968 through 30 June 1969 for the sum of $16,632. This figure includes $5,374 for FY 68 and $11,258 for FY 69.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO: Chief of Station, JMWAVE

FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: LIONION/Processing and Exploitation of Impulse Camera Film by AMOTS

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: HMMA 33841, 17 January 1968

Headquarters concurs in the proposal made in reference that the LIONION impulse camera film be processed and reviewed by the AMOTS.

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	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION: Western Hemisphere Division					
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION: Mexico City					
X	RENEWAL FY 1968-69	BRANCH: One		DESK:			
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER: Vince Dale				DATE: 10 Jan 68	
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO.: [illegible]	BUILDING: [illegible]	TEL. EXT.	RED: 0011	BLACK: 6054	

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	DATES IN	DATES OUT	MEMO ATTACHED YES	MEMO ATTACHED NO
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C/WH/SS	George R. Thom[illegible] [signature]	22 Jan 68			✓
C/WH/CI	Thomas Polgar [signature]	2[illegible] Jan 68			
WH/EXO	Donald C. Marelius [signature]	[illegible]	29/1		

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PERIOD FROM	PERIOD TO	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	TOTAL AMOUNT
1 Jan 68	30 June 69	$ 16,632	1968	$ [illegible]
			1969	$ 11,[illegible]

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
C/WHD	[signature] William V. Broe	[illegible] JAN 1968

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10 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project LIONION

1. Approval is requested to renew Project LIONION for the period 1 January 1968 through 30 June 1969 for $16,632 including $5,374 for FY 1968 and $11,258 for FY 1969. WH Division programmed $11,800 for this activity for FY 1969 and funds are available. Funds requested for this renewal are slightly less than the previous year due to a reduction in support costs.

2. This project provides Station Mexico City with photographic and physical surveillance of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City. In addition, the project principal agent is able to observe and record the patterns of activity and personal associations of various Cuban personnel and visitors to the Embassy and Consulate. This effort has been of assistance in planning recruitment attempts against target personnel. The principal agent also performs ad hoc functions for the Station such as dispatching the surveillance team against selected Cuban personnel and renting and maintaining a safehouse. This project naturally does not produce positive intelligence.

3. Plans for the forthcoming period include using the project basehouse and the two project agents as LP operators in the expansion of an existing technical operation targeted against the Cuban Embassy. There is also a possibility that the photo coverage of the Cuban Consulate entrance will cease shortly as this coverage has not proved particularly useful. It is not anticipated that these changes will substantially affect the cost of the project.

4. It should be noted that the $4,800 operational loan made to LIONION-2 in February 1966 has been completely repaid. The security of this project is considered satisfactory.

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Chief, WH/1

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REQUEST FOR PROJECT RENEWAL

Project LIONION

Station Mexico City

Field Case Officer *Cornelius L. Peuvion*
Cornelius L. PEUVION

Chief of Station *Willard C. Curtis*
Willard C. CURTIS

Renewal of the LIONION Project is requested for the period 1 January through 31 December 1968 for a total of $11,258--$5,374 for FY 1968 and $5,884 for FY 1969.

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PROJECT LIONION RENEWAL REQUEST

A. Objectives:

1. Project LIONION is a long-term support project designed to provide fixed photographic, technical, and physical surveillance of the PBRUMEN Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City. The specific objectives are:

a. To furnish photographic coverage during the daylight hours of the main entrances to the target installations.

b. To maintain in readiness a listening post to support technical operations against the targets.

c. To radio dispatch physical surveillance teams against persons associated with the targets.

d. To provide for a mechanism which can fulfill various miscellaneous PBRUMEN support requirements.

2. The above-cited objectives are in agreement with the over-all objectives of Station Mexico City.

B. Changes:

In late January 1967 the operational and administrative responsibilities for Project LIONION were transferred from Howard A. TRECKLER to Cornelius L. PEUVION. No agent handling, control, or administrative problems were encountered during the past year.

C. Intelligence Production:

As noted in Section A above, Project LIONION is an operational support project and does not produce disseminable positive intelligence. During the past year this project did provide over 5000 individual photographs of persons and/or vehicles entering or leaving the target installations, as well as approximately 8000 feet of pulse camera film. Information on the comings and goings of target personnel and visitors to the installations, which LIONION-1 provides in daily logs, has been incorporated into Station files and on occasion made available to other stations or LNHARP agencies, i.e., LNERGO. LIONION has been particularly useful in spotting new employees whose photos are then passed to LITAMIL-7 for identification.

D. Effectiveness:

1. Project LIONION is considered by the Station to be highly effective and essential. In addition to providing the valuable photographic coverage cited above, LIONION-1 continues to provide interesting observations on the personalities and activities of the personnel working in the targets. LIONION-1 reporting is being incorporated into the recruitment operations targeted against LIRING-2 and LIRING-16.

2. In early July LIONION-1 obtained and furnished a new safe apartment which is being used for sensitive or lengthly meetings with LIRESORT-1 as well as LIONION-1. The safe site has been stocked with a sufficient supply of food so as to allow two persons to live there for at least three days in the event the Station ever needs a cooling-off site for an agent or defector.

3. Throughout the past project year LIONION-1 continued to function effectively as the radio dispatcher for the LIEMBRACE Surveillance Team. Much of this effort was expended in estimating the movement/habit pattern of LIRING-2, a prerequisite for his pending recruitment.

E. Problems:

1. On 27 June LIONION-1 was hospitalized for emergency surgery to treat a perforated ulcer. Since LIONION-2's presence was required at the hospital during the operation and also throughout the postoperative convalescence period, photographic coverage was suspended until 10 July.

2. Other than a temporary postoperative morale slump on the part of LIONION-1, there have been no significant personnel, security, or administrative problems.

F. Liaison:

Not applicable to Project LIONION.

G. Interagency Coordination:

Not applicable to Project LIONION.

H. Plans:

1. The Station plans to continue to exploit LIONION-1's experience, training, and location to provide the photographic coverage cited above. In addition, the Station plans to make more extensive use of the operational log books and personality observations provided by LIONION-1 in support of an intensive physical penetration program.

2. During the ensuing period, the Station plans to utilize LIONION-1 and LIONION-2 as LP operators for a portion of the LISAMPAN technical penetration operation. It is anticipated that this additional task will not be levied on LIONION-1 and LIONION-2 until after 1 January 1968.

I. Costs:

1. For the past project year, 1 January through 31 December 1967, it is estimated that the total project cost will be about $9,000. It is approved for $11,666.

2. For the renewal period of 1 January through 31 December 1968, it is requested that $11,258 be approved. This is broken down as follows:

	FY 1968	FY 1969	Total
Salaries: (Including Xmas bonus)			
LIONION-1	$ 2,208	$ 2,576	$ 4,784
LIONION-2	900	1,050	1,950
Rents:			
LIONION Basehouse	450	450	900
LIONION Safehouse	264	264	528
Utilities	150	150	300
Supplies:			
Film	600	600	1,200
Paper	312	304	616
Chemicals	150	150	300
Miscellaneous	90	90	180
Miscellaneous Operational Expenditures	250	250	500
Total	$ 5,374	$ 5,884	$11,258

3. It should be noted that the operational loan made to LIONION-2 to enable her to qualify for inmigrado status in Mexico (see Cost Section of previous project renewal request) has been completely repaid. The loan, which was placed in an escrow-type account, was withdrawn in monthly increments by LIONION-1 and incorporated into his revolving fund. A detailed accounting was prepared each month by LIONION-1, a practice which will be continued during the ensuing project year.

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J. Technical Annex:

Project LIONION continues to receive excellent technical support from the local WOACRE representative, Walter W. CORNBURY.

K. Other:

While LIONION-2's failing eyesight precludes her filling in for LIONION-1 over any extended period of time, she has continued to perform in an excellent manner in support of LIONION-1.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO: Chief of Station, JMWAVE

FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: LIONION

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: See Below

1. Prior to submitting the LIONION project for renewal 1 January 1968, Headquarters requests the Mexico City station comment on the desireability of continuing the photography of persons entering and leaving the PBRUMEN Consulate. As the station is aware this film is no longer reviewed at JMWAVE and there are no present plans to resume this practice since in the past it proved unproductive and costly. The film has never been reviewed on a regular basis at Headquarters and has been referred to only once for identification purposes during the past year. At present the film as received at Headquarters is developed (negatives only) and placed into storage.

2. Headquarters realizes this coverage is potentially valuable and undoubtedly this film contains photographs of assorted revolutionaries and others of CI/FI interest; but the value lies in the ability to identify the persons being photographed and until we have this capability - and personnel to sort out and follow-up the leads - there seems

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little justification in continuing this coverage.

3. It would be appreciated if along with the station's recommendations an estimate of the cost of this particular portion of the LIONION activity could be included.

Ronald L. PERRODIN

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TO: Chief, WH Division

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FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: LIONION Project Renewal Request

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

DESENSITIZED per DOI 70-12

Reference: HMMW-15195, 24 January 1967

Attached is the Station's renewal request for Project LIONION. The Project should be submitted for renewal for the period 1 January through 31 December 1968 for a total of $11,258.

for Willard C. CURTIS

Attachments:
- A. Renewal Request, right side (h/w)
- B. Renewal Request, left side (u/s/c) ATT'd 15 DEC 67

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO:

FROM: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT: PERUMEN LIONION - Approval of Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Action Required: FYI

Reference : HMMA-30793, 7 December 1966

Project LIONION was renewed as submitted in reference on 23 January 1967 in the amount of $11,666.00 for the period 1 January through 31 December 1967.

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PROJECT CRYPTONYM: LIONION

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	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION: Mexico City					
X	RENEWAL FY 1967-68	BRANCH: One		DESK			
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER: Jack Stewart			DATE: 4 Jan '67		
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO.: 332	BUILDING: Ames	TEL. EXT.	RED.	BLACK: 3654	

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PERIOD FROM	TO	AMT THIS ACTION	FY	REVISED TOTAL
1 Jan 1967	31 Dec 1967	$ 11,666.00	1967	$ 5,574.00
			1968	$ 6,092.00

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C/WHD	William V. Broe	23 JAN 1967

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4 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project LIONION (Photographic/Technical Coverage of Cuban Embassy in Mexico)

ACTION REQUIRED: Approvals Requested Paragraphs One and Four

1. Approval is requested to renew Project LIONION for the period 1 January through 31 December 1967 at an annual expenditure of $11,666.00, including $5,574.00 for FY 1967 and $6,092.00 for FY 1968. WH Division programmed $12,000.00 for this activity for FY 1967 and funds are available. The Project cost has been increased by $668.00 over the previous year, occasioned by a small monthly raise for the Principal Agent and a new provision for miscellaneous operational expenditures.

2. Although this two-man Project does not produce positive intelligence, it contributes substantially and directly to the coverage of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico, producing photographs in bulk of personnel and visitors as well as information on patterns of activity and personal associations, and supporting recruitment attempts. It is contemplated that the Project will afford support to the extensive technical penetration of the Cuban Embassy (LISAMPAN) currently scheduled for installation in mid-January 1967. One of these penetrations is scheduled for the Embassy gatehouse where visitors would normally identify themselves upon entering. Information from the gatehouse is to be transmitted securely to the LIONION basehouse as well as to the LISAMPAN listening post. By collating this and other LISAMPAN information with the photography, it is hoped to be able to identify photographically many of the visitors to the Embassy.

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3. The physical security of the photo-basehouse has been improved and the overall security of the Project is considered to be satisfactory.

4. It will be noted that in February 1966 the Station assisted LIONION-2, a Cuban citizen, to qualify for Mexican immigrant status with a loan of $4,800.00, which was reduced to $2,640.00 as of 31 December 1966 at a repayment rate of $240.00 per month. This loan is being protected by an appropriate Memorandum of Trust. Approval is requested to continue this arrangement until LIONION-2's immigration status is settled, estimated to occur by 30 November 1967.

W. J. Kaufman
Chief, WH/1

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FROM
Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT
PBRUMEN/OPERATIONAL/Transmittal of LIONION Project Renewal

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Attached herewith and under separate cover for addressee are an original and five copies of the LIONION Project Renewal request.

for Willard C. CURTIS

Attachment:
LIONION Project Renewal
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REQUEST FOR PROJECT RENEWAL

Project LIONION

Field Case Officer Howard A. Treckler
Howard A. TRECKLER

Station Mexico City

Chief of Station Willard C. Curtis
Willard C. CURTIS

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LIONION PROJECT RENEWAL

A. Current Objectives:

There have been no changes in the objectives of the LIONION Project as set forth in the renewal request of last year.

B. Changes:

Howard A. TRECKLER has assumed the duties of Case Officer for LIONION since the departure of Lawrence F. BARKER in August 1966. TRECKLER is known to LIONION-1 and 2 as "Jose" or "Joe". TRECKLER meets with LIONION-1 at least once each week and sees LIONION-2 only if he visits the LIONION basehouse. With the departure of Hugh T. FRANCOTTE (P) in August 1966, Walter W. CORNBURY (P) assumed the duties of technical consultant for the project. CORNBURY is known to LIONION-1 and 2 as "Jack". LIONION-1 is being given a pay increase of $8.00 (U.S.) per month effective 1 January 1967. There are no other changes contemplated for the coming year.

C. Intelligence Production:

The intelligence production is the same as that reported in the renewal request for last year. It is difficult to estimate the intelligence value in numbers of reports as there are so few positive reports made from this type of production on the photographic end of the project. But this photographic coverage is of inestimable operational intelligence value in coverage of the PBRUMEN target. Should the LISAMPAN operation become active, part of LIONION's time will be used in support of that operation.

D. Effectiveness:

The Station's estimate of the value of this project has not changed from that expressed in the renewal request of last year. LIONION has further established his importance to the Station's operational activities by demonstrating his ability to spot surveillance targets at LIRING from only a physical description provided by the Case Officer. If the planned LISAMPAN activity gets underway, LIONION observations and insight into activities of LIRING will be increased greatly.

The apartment spotted by LIONION-1 and obtained by the Station across from LIRING that was mentioned in last year's renewal request is scheduled to be utilized in the LISAMPAN operation. The location of LIONION-1 across from the target and his background knowledge built up over the years are invaluable assets to the Station's coverage of the primary target of the Related Mission Directive.

E. Problems:

There were no major problems during the past year. One security problem involved the claimed spotting of some of the photographic equipment from the street by David M. WILSTED (P). A thorough check of the basehouse by LIONION-1 and the Case Officer failed to reveal any such equipment as being visible from the street. However, additional security measures were taken by darkening the background in the room behind the equipment through hanging of heavier drapes on the window, drapes on the wall, and putting up a portable screen behind the equipment. This also serves as a security check against the prying eyes of the household servant as LIONION-1 can now open the door fully to the room when the servant pages him and she cannot see the equipment. The other problem is the obtaining of inmigrado status for LIONION-2. This involves the depositing of funds to a bank account and is discussed under paragraph I.

F. Liaison:

There is no liaison involved in the project.

G. Interagency Coordination:

Not applicable.

H. Plans:

It is planned to have LIONION-1 keep special logs on the activities of selected targets in LIRING as he has done over the past year. With the case officer handling LIONION-1 directly on a weekly basis, it is planned to continue picking his brains for additional details on the LIRING target. Hopefully LIONION-1 and 2 will be utilized for assistance in covering the proposed take from the LISAMPAN operation.

I. Costs:

For Calendar Year 1966:

1. In the period 1 January through 30 June 1966, $4,500.00 was expended. The projected expenditure for July 1966 through 31 December 1966 is $5,000.00. This total project year expenditure is approximately $1,000.00 under that approved by Headquarters. However, this amount is probably due to having drawn film and other supplies from overall Station support without their having been charged off against the Project

2. For the period 1 January 1967 through 31 December 1967

Expenditures for	FY 1967	FY 1968
Salaries:		
LIONION-1	$2,210.00	$2,578.00
LIONION-2	900.00	1,050.00
Rents:		
LIONION Basehouse	600.00	600.00
LIONION Safehouse	264.00	264.00
Utilities	150.00	150.00
Supplies:		
Film	600.00	600.00
Paper	360.00	360.00
Chemicals	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	90.00	90.00
Miscellaneous Operational Expenditures	250.00	250.00
TOTAL	$5,574.00	$6,092.00

The total for FY 1967 is $11,666.00. Approval of this amount is requested. Note that the salary figures include the salary raise for LIONION-1 and the usual one month pay Christmas bonus for LIONION-1 and 2. An additional provision has been made for miscellaneous operational expenditures as there may be a recurrence of same as in the past project year for which no provision was made. Provision is being made for charging of funds for supplies to the LIONION Project which was not done last year in order that more accurate bookkeeping may be followed.

In addition, the Station has had to make a loan to LIONION-2 for gaining status to qualify for inmigrado status in Mexico. This loan is held in a savings account in a Mexican bank to prove to the Mexican authorities that LIONION-2 can support herself. Funds are withdrawn from this account monthly, sometimes with interest, and deposited to a checking account where LIONION-1 withdraws the funds and they are applied to the revolving account for financing the operation. The initial balance deposited to the account in February 1966 was $4,800.00. Withdrawals have been made at the rate of $240.00 per month and as of 30 October 1966, the total account had been reduced by $1,680.00, leaving a balance in the account of $3,120.00 which should carry the account through November 1967. A separate dispatch follows with the Memorandum of Trust and necessary details on the account. Approval is requested for continuance of this account in order that LIONION-2 may obtain her inmigrado status.

J. Other:

LIONION-2 continues to perform in an excellent manner in support of LIONION-1.

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PROJECT RENEWAL REQUEST

CRYPTONYM LIONION

FIELD CASE OFFICER Lawrence F. Barker
Lawrence F. BARKER

STATION Mexico City

CHIEF OF STATION Willard C. Curtis
Willard C. CURTIS

The attached Project is presented for renewal.

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A. Current Objectives. The original objectives of the project have not changed but have been added to in the last year. The project is functioning well as a technical (primarily photographic) surveillance operation against the PBRUMEN Embassy in Mexico City. It is designed to:

1. Furnish photographic coverage during daylight hours of the two entrances of the target installation.

2. Dispatch physical surveillance teams against persons associated with the target.

3. Keep in readiness a listening post (LP) for the monitoring and recording of technical penetrations of the target.

4. Assist the Station in building up individual dossiers on officials of the target installation.

5. Monitor Station activities involving direct contact with the target, and furnish an observation post (OP) for other Station assets.

Objectives 4 and 5 are additions to those objectives set forth in the original project outline.

B. Changes. There have been no changes in personnel and none are contemplated in the coming year. It is being proposed in separate correspondence that some of the work load now on LIONION-1 be shifted to Headquarters, specifically the development of film.

LIONION-1's pay was increased 40 dollars a month effective 15 March 1965.

C. Intelligence Production. The operation has produced thousands of excellent photographs, many of which are shared with Headquarters and Station JMWAVE. Information on the comings and goings of target personnel and visitors to the target installation has been incorporated into many Station files (primarily personality files -- individual dossiers). No precise statistics are available on this production. It has been very heavy. Station JMWAVE should perhaps be called upon for an independent evaluation of LIONION production it has received .

D. Effectiveness. The project is considered both highly successful and essential by the Station. In addition to excellent photographic coverage provided by the LIONION agents, the Station has found in LIONION-1 a first class asset for other operational duties. The LIONION basehouse was essential to mounting and monitoring the LIRHYME recruitment (and harassment) operation. C/O Wallace B. ROWTON sat with LIONION-1 for several weeks, observing the movement pattern of LIRHYME-1. LIONION-1 manned one of three radios used by the Station when LIRHYME

was invited to appear for confrontation outside the Embassy. Without the LIONION base and the expert knowledge of LIONION-1 of target personnel and activities, such an operation as LIRHYME could not have been mounted. It might be noted that this operation was an attempt to satisfy the top priority requirement laid on Station Mexico by Headquarters. It is expected that additional similar operations will depend to a large extent on the facilities provided by the LIONION operation.

Another very effective performance by LIONION-1 was his obtaining -- by sharp observation and quick, intelligent, secure action -- an apartment in a building directly across the street from the target Embassy. The Station had been seeking an apartment in this building for many years.

E. Problems. The problem of cover for LIONION-1 worked out well during the year to the point where it ceased being a problem. By living his cover as a translator he was enabled to build in strong self protection when called upon to do some translations for the office of the President of Mexico. Toward the end of the year, LIONION-1 received the coveted status of "inmigrado" which confers a great deal of immunity from harrassment by Mexican authorities.

The only problem now besetting the project is LIONION-1's excessive work load. As indicated above, an attempt is being made to alleviate this load.

F. Liaison. The operation has no liaison connection. LIONION-1's connection with the Mexican Presidency is non-operational.

G. Interagency Coordination. Not applicable.

H. Plans. It is planned to make better use of LIONION-1's observations and operational log books during the coming year rather than settle for his excellent photographs alone. It has been found that he can often supply valuable additional information because of his "feel" for those persons who are under constant observation from the LIONION base. LIONION-1 can read significance into activity which might go unnoticed or be misinterpreted by observers with less experience. LIONION-1 will also be called upon for assistance in future recruitment operations as in LIRHYME. Several such operations are being contemplated for calendar 1966, the period for which project is being requested.

I. Costs.

1. For calendar 1965:

In the period 1 January through 31 October 1965 $7,218.20 had been expended. At this rate some $9,200.00 will be expended in the concluding project year.

2. For the next period (calendar 1966):

<u>Monthly costs</u>			
Salaries:	LIONION-1	$ 360.00	
	LIONION-2	150.00	
Rents:	LIONION Basehouse	100.00	
	LIONION Safehouse	44.00	
	Utilities	25.00	
Supplies:	Film	95.00	
	Paper	60.00	
	Chemicals	25.00	
	Miscellaneous	15.00	
	Monthly total	$ 874.00	

Allowing for customary year-end bonuses of one month's salary for both agents, the figures for FY 1966 and FY 1967 would be $5,244.00 and $5,754.00 respectively, or a total for the calendar year 1966 of $10,998. Approval of this amount is requested.

J. <u>Other</u>. LIONION-2, although not specifically mentioned above, continues to perform in a splendid manner as assistant to LIONION-1.

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TO: Chief, WH Division

INFO:

FROM: Chief of Station, Mexico City

SUBJECT: PBRUMEN/Renewal Request for Project LIONION

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: HMMW 14073, 1 November 1965

Attached by split transmission is a renewal request for the LIONION Project.

Willard C. CURTIS

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO:

FROM: Acting Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: PBRUMEN/LIONION - Transmittal of Approved Project

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

REFERENCES: HMMA-27754, 29 November 1965.

ACTION: FYI

Project LIONION was approved on 22 January 1966 in the amount of $10,998.00 for the period 1 January 1966 through 31 December 1966. The foregoing amount is broken down into $5,244.00 for Fiscal Year 1966 and $5,754.00 for Fiscal Year 1967.

Andrew F. MERTON

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PROJECT ACTION	PROJECT CRYPTONYM: LIONION

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	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL		DIVISION: Western Hemisphere				
	AMENDMENT NO.		FIELD STATION: Mexico City				
X	RENEWAL FY 1966		BRANCH: 1		DESK: Mexico		
	EXTENSION		CASE OFFICER: J. Stewart			DATE: 1 Jan 66	
	TERMINATION		ROOM NO.: GH-43	BUILDING: Hdqs	TEL. EXT.	RED: 9325	BLACK: 4506

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C/WH/1	W. J. Kaufman	11 Jan 66	
WH/B&F	Robert D. Carter	11 Jan 66	
WH/SS	W.E. Brooks	[illegible]	
C/WH/FI	Thomas Polgar	19/1/66	
WH/EXO	Donald C. Marelius	22/1/66	

CONCURRENCIES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

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APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	TO	AMOUNT OF ACTION	FY	TOTAL AMOUNT
1 Jan 66	31 Dec 66	$ 10,998.00	1966	$ 5,244.00
			1967	$ 5,754.00

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
Chief, WHD	William V. Broe	22/1/66

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, WH Division

SUBJECT : Renewal of Project LIONION (photographic/ technical coverage of Cuban Embassy in Mexico)

1. Approval is requested to renew Project LIONION for the period 1 January through 31 December 1966 at an annual expenditure of $10,998.00, including $5,244.00 for FY 1966 and $5,754.00 for FY 1967. WH Division programmed $10,750.00 for this activity for FY 1966. Funds are available. The Project cost has been increased by $520.00 over the previous year, occasioned by a small raise for the Principal Agent.

2. The Project has contributed substantially and directly to coverage of the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico and is considered highly successful and essential by Station Mexico City. It has produced a large quantity of excellent photographs of target personnel and visitors and has furnished valuable data on their patterns of activity and personal associations. It has also rendered valuable support to Station recruitment attempts against Cuban Embassy personnel and maintains an ever ready facility for support of any technical penetrations of this target accomplished by other Station activities. The Project has had no security or administrative problems. The Station has submitted regular progress reports.

W. J. Kaufman
C/WH/1

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LIONION PROJECT RENEWAL

A. Current Objectives: This Project is a technical, currently primarily photographic, surveillance operation against the Cuban Embassy and Consulate in Mexico City. Its original objectives, still current, include furnishing photographic coverage during daylight hours of the Embassy and Consulate entrances; furnishing a control point for dispatching physical surveillance teams against persons associated with the target; and furnishing a listening post (LP) in readiness to monitor and record technical audio penetrations of the target. Two new objectives added during the Project year include assisting Station Mexico City to build up individual dossiers on target officials; and affording an observation post for Station activities involving direct contact with the target. These new objectives are in consonance with Priority A, Objective 1 of the current Related Mission Directive for Station Mexico City.

B. Changes: There have been no changes in personnel and none are contemplated during the coming year. Headquarters is assuming the task of developing some of the film exposed under this Project. LIONION-1's pay was increased $40 per month effective 15 March 1965.

C. Intelligence Production: The Project is not designed to produce disseminable information. It produced thousands of excellent photographs during the year which were shared with Headquarters and Station JMWAVE. Information on the comings and goings of target personnel and visitors to the target have been incorporated into many Station files, principally the dossier files. No precise statistics are available, but at least 100 exposures are made daily during target working hours.

D. Effectiveness: The Project is considered highly successful and essential by the Station. In addition to the excellent photographic coverage provided, LIONION-1, the Principal Agent, has developed into a first-class asset for other operational duties. The Project Basehouse was essential to mounting and monitoring the Station's attempt at recruitment and subsequent harassment of a sensitive target employee. The Case Officer in charge of the attempt sat with LIONION-1 for several weeks observing the movement pattern of the target employee. LIONION-1 manned one of the radio dispatch posts used to control the physical surveillance of the target employee while near the Basehouse.

Without the Basehouse and LIONION-1's expert knowledge of the target personnel and activities, such an operation could not have been mounted. The operation itself was an attempt to satisfy the top priority requirement laid on Station Mexico City by Headquarters. It is expected that future similar operations will depend to a large extent on the facilities provided by this Project.

Another very effective performance by LIONION-1 was his obtaining, by sharp observation and quick, intelligent and secure action, an apartment in a building directly across the street from the target. The Station had been seeking an apartment in this building for many years.

E. Problems: The only problem currently besetting the Project is the excessive work load on the Principal Agent. To alleviate this, Headquarters is assuming the task of developing some of the film produced by the Project.

Cover for LIONION-1 has ceased to be a problem. He has received his permanent immigrant status and now has a good deal of immunity from harassment from Mexican immigration authorities. He was able to get his translator cover backstopped directly out of the Office of the President of Mexico and thus has a strong protective security factor built into it.

F. Liaison: The Project has no liaison connection. LIONION-1's cover backstop with the Office of the President of Mexico is non-operational.

G. Interagency Coordination: Not applicable.

H. Plans: It is planned to make better use of LIONION-1's observations and operational logbooks during the coming year rather than to settle for his excellent photographs alone. It has been found that he can often supply valuable additional information because of his "feel" for those persons who are under constant observation from the Basehouse. He can read significance into activity which might go unnoticed or be misinterpreted by observers with less experience. He will also be called upon for assistance in future recruitment operations similar to the case mentioned in paragraph D above. Several such operations are being contemplated for calendar year 1966, the period for which the Project renewal is being requested.

I. Costs: For calendar year 1965:

In the period 1 January through 31 October 1965, $7,218.20 has been expended. At this rate, some $9,200.00 will be expended by the end of the calendar year 1965.

Monthly costs:

Salaries:	LIONION-1	$ 360.00
	LIONION-2	150.00
Rents:	LIONION Basehouse	100.00
	LIONION Safehouse	44.00
	Utilities	25.00
Supplies:	Film	95.00
	Paper	60.00
	Chemicals	25.00
Miscellaneous Operational Expenses:		15.00
	Monthly Total:	$ 874.00

One-time costs:

It is customary in Mexico to give a year-end bonus amounting to one month's salary:

LIONION-1	$ 360.00
LIONION-2	150.00
Total:	$ 510.00

3. Calendar Year Total

Fixed monthly expenses	$ 10,488.00
One-time expenses	510.00
Total	10,998.00

4. Fiscal Year Breakdown

Fiscal Year 1966	$ 5,244.00
Fiscal Year 1967	5,754.00
	10,998.00

J. Other: LIONION-2, although not specifically mentioned above, continued to render excellent support as an assistant to LIONION-1.

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TO: Chief of Station, Mexico City

INFO:

FROM: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: Project Approval FBRUKEN/LIONION/Plans

ACTION REQUIRED REFERENCES

Reference: HMMA 25110, 6 January 1965

1. Project LIONION, as submitted in reference, has been approved by Headquarters for the period 1 January 1965 through 31 December 1965. The two agents have been redesignated LIONION-1 (201-288248) and LIONION-2 (201-305604).

2. In order to assist Headquarters evaluation of the LIONION Project, we request that periodic progress reports on LIONION include details of CI/CE data furnished, and examples of leads developed from such information.

Chester D. DAINOLD

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PROJECT ACTION

PROJECT CRYPTONYM: LICHICK

TYPE OF ACTION			
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	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION	Mexico City
	RENEWAL FY 196	BRANCH: WH/1	DESK: Mexico
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER	[illegible]
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO.: [illegible] · BUILDING: Hqs.	EXTENSION: [illegible]

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISION

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (And signature)	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMORANDUM ATTACHED YES	NO	DATE
C/WH/1	W. J. Kaufman by [signature]	28 Jan				
WH/B&F	Robert Carter [signature]	1 Feb 65				
C/WH/CS	W. E. Brooks [signature]	2/3				
C/WH/RC	H. Littell [signature]	2/4				
WH/PCA	Gerard Droller [signature]	2/16/65				
WH/EXO	Samuel Halpern [signature]	19 Feb 65				

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

APPROVAL

PERIOD FROM	PERIOD TO	TOTAL AMOUNT	FY	AMOUNT
1 January 1965	31 December 1965	$ 10,478	196[illegible]	$ [illegible]
			196[illegible]	$ [illegible]

APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE	DATE
Chief, WH Division	[signature: Halpern]	19 Feb 65

16 February 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: WH/EXO

SUBJECT : LIONION Project

1. LIONION is a new project which is submitted in the amount of $10,478. This is a photographic surveillance operation targetted against the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. Two agents are involved; LIONION-1, a young Cuban lawyer in exile, and LIONION-2, his mother. The agents act as observers and photographers. LIONION-1 is also used as a dispatcher for the LIEMBRACE surveillance team, from which he is compartmented, to cover individuals associated with this target. These agents were previously used in connection with the unilateral telephone tap operation against the Cuban Embassy. The current photographic operation began in the latter part of 1962, and was previously funded under Cuban FI funds. The operation has provided valuable data for the identification of Cuban Embassy personnel and visitors, and on their patterns of action and personal associations.

2. The security of this operation, particularly the agent's cover for status and the communications arrangements, appear reasonably sound. Both agents know that they are working for AIS, and LIONION-1 was successfully FLUTTERED in October 1963. However, LITAMIL-7 and LITAMIL-9, who are penetrations of the Cuban Embassy, are aware of this activity, as they are used to help identify individuals photographed.

3. Approval for the LIONION Project is recommended. It is requested that, in order to assist Headquarters' evaluation, project reporting include details of CI/CE data furnished, and examples of leads developed from such information.

GERARD DROLLER
C/WH/POA

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : Approval of Project LICHION

1. Approval is requested of the attached LICHION Project Outline, and authorization of an annual expenditure, effective 1 January 1965, of $10,478 (FY 65-$5,004; FY 66-$5,474). Funds are available for this project.

2. Mexico Station agents LITAMIL-7 and LITAMIL-9, penetrations in place of the Cuban Embassy, are aware of the existence of the LICHION photographic activity. This knowledge on the part of these two assets is essential to the exploitation of the photographic take.

3. WH/1 recommends approval of the LICHION Project.

W. J. Kaufman
Chief
WH/1

Attachment:

Project Outline